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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens was steady and 16-24 lb. toms steady to barely steady. Demand and trading was light. Offerings were mixed regionally. Parts and meats trading was uneven ranging from active to slow. Offerings of parts and meats were adequate.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums and thigh meat, balance inactive. Demand was very light with many buyers cautious and selective toward the market. Offerings were fully adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 08, 2005**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	84-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-89	84-84.75	84.15	100	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	84-88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	81-85	81	81.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	81-85	84	84.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	82-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	84-89	89	89.00	10	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	81-86	86	86.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	81-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	82-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF DEC 09, 2005

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
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8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	86.00	87.10 **	78.66
CENTRAL REGION	84.91	86.00	79.50
WESTERN REGION	89.00	86.00 **	79.20 **

16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	83.67	84.00	71.09
CENTRAL REGION	84.00	84.00	71.80
WESTERN REGION	83.09 **	84.50 **	71.90 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	84-91
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	84-89
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	84-89

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	110-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	108-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-139

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Dec 05, 2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	97.13	1,240,000
16-24 lbs.	96.92	1,300,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	80,000
16-24 lbs.	--	80,000

Total Volume:	2,700,000
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TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 3-Dec-2005 (Preliminary)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG	OLD		AVG
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED		LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-		WT
North East	888	298	24.54	(A)	889	24.54
South Atlantic	615	84	35.41	(A)	615	35.41
North Central	2,024	57	33.42	(A)	2,024	33.42
South Central	670	142	18.04	(A)	670	18.04
West	388	36	21.65	(A)	388	21.65
U.S. total	4,585(B)	90	28.73	1	4,586	28.73
To-date						
2005	212,979(B)			209	213,188	
To-date						
2004	209,175(B)			352	209,527	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 35,000; for the current year to date 1,195,000; for last year to date 2,465,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

October	449,318*
November 1 - 30, 2005	442,007*

To date 2005	4,767,229*
To date 2004	4,639,191*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 3-Dec-2005	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	1,978	2,572	35	1	4,586
Avg Wt	16.15	38.43	26.37	39.52	28.73
Last week	942	1,449	16	6	2,413
Same wk yr ago	1,718	2,686	61	23	4,488
Avg Wt	15.61	37.47	25.14	31.66	28.90
To-date/2005	87,951	123,833	1,195	209	213,188
To-date/2004	83,660	123,050	2,465	352	209,527

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT. INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 8 DECEMBER 2005.

The market tone on tom breast meat was barely steady to instances fully steady, scapula mostly steady, balance of white meat steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of tom breast meat light to instances fully adequate, scapula light, balance of white meat adequate to fully adequate. Trading moderate on fresh tom breast meat, balance slow. Breeder hen wings traded at 36 cents delivered domestic. For export: fresh tom drums 39, fresh thigh meat 98, scapula 113 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	118.71	140
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	150.00		150.00	7
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	114.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	41.00		41.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	42.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	42.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	39.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	44.00	8
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	45.00		45.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	117.00		117.00	40
NECKS, TOM	43.00		43.00	40
NECKS, HEN		T	41.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	265.00	17
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	271.00-280.00		274.14	280
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	99.54	93
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	112.82	71
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	222.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	245.65	74
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	72.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	18.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	21.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.50-41.00		40.72	92
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	34.00		34.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.50		17.50	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	99.30	200

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on tom bulk parts was barely steady on drums and necks, weak on wings. Supplies exceeded the light seasonal demand with tom wings in the longest position and offered as negotiable. Trading was fairly active on fresh tom breast meat with lower trending prices. Fresh scapula traded at 125 - 130, tails at 34 cents. Frozen mechanically separated turkey sold at 15 cents delivered for pet food. Export sales: young hen turkey thigh meat 86.5 FOB, tom defatted gizzards 57.5 delivered port, fresh thigh meat 97 cents and fresh tom drums 38-41, mostly 40 cents delivered.

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					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	118.71	140	118.78	180
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	150.00	7	149.04	182
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.00-42.00		40.95	143	41.04	199
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	42.00	40	42.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	42.00	8	42.00	48
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	38.00-39.00		38.77	26	39.24	50
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	44.00	8	44.00	8
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	45.00	40	43.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	117.00	40	117.00	40
NECKS, TOM	40.00-45.00		40.51	45	42.10	99
NECKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	20	41.71	28
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	265.00	17		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	272.00-280.00		273.44	640	274.21	1,500
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	99.54	93		
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	111.00		111.00	20	111.00	20
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	222.00	40		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	72.00		72.00	40	72.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	245.00		245.00	6	245.00	6
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	18.00	160	18.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	20.00		20.00	209	20.28	289
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.50-40.00		39.57	276	38.43	880
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	34.00	40	34.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	17.50	52	17.50	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	95.00		95.00	40	95.00	40

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